

Congresswoman Bean speaks at the Johnsburg Memorial Day ceremony.

With May comes Memorial Day, a time when communities across our country come together in remembrance of the brave Americans who have given their lives to defend our freedom and security. This year, Congresswoman Bean participated in several Memorial Day events across the 8th Congressional District. In Johnsburg, she made remarks and participated in the Riverside Wreath Laying Ceremony. She then marched in the annual parades in Wauconda and Lake Villa. Following the Lake Villa parade, she spoke in a ceremony held at Lehmann Park. Finally, the Congresswoman joined members of the Serbian American community for a picnic in Third Lake. In addition to the Memorial Day events, Congresswoman Bean spoke at the Navy Nurse Corps' 102nd Anniversary dinner, where she honored those present and spoke about the recent merger between the North Chicago Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Naval Health Clinic Great Lakes. She also spoke about her duties as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives to Social Studies students (including her youngest daughter, Michelle) at Barrington High School.

To provide an update to her constituents on issues before the House, Congresswoman Bean hosted live "teletownhall" meetings with her constituents from her office in Washington. Finally, Congresswoman Bean also hosted a ceremony to honor the participants in this year's 8th District Congressional Art Competition. This year's First Place finisher, Julia Levis of Schaumberg High School, will have her painting, "Arizona," displayed at the U.S. Capitol alongside the works of other students from across the nation. The Second and Third Place entries, "September" by Irina Ella Horwath of Conant High School in Hoffman Estates and "Light," by Sayali Sakhardande of Hoffman Estates High School, will be displayed in the Congresswoman's Washington and Schaumburg offices.